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BANDAR SHAHPUR

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1. A COMBINATION OF FEWER SHIP ARRIVALS AND AN INCREASE IN
THE VOLUME OF GOODS OFFLOADED AND CLEARED THROUGH THE PORT
HAS FOR THE MOMENT ELIMINATED SHIPCONGESTION IN KHORRAMSHAHR
PORT. AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PORT'S
STORAGE AREA AND NEW GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES HAVE ENABLED THE
PORT TO INCREASE ITS DAILY OFFLOADING RATE TO 15,000 TONS
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PER DAY, A FIGURE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 20,000
TONS PER DAY ONCE THE THREE NEW JETTIES WHICH WERE COMPLETED
ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO COME INTO USE NEXT SPRING AFTER DREDGING
OPERATION FOR THEM HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE PORT IS NOW
CLEARING 13-14,000 TONS OF CARGO DAILY WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT
IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 7,000 TONS WHICH WERE BEING

CLEARED DAILY IN SEPTEMBER. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 1,200,000 TONS OF CARGO IN THE PORT'S STORAGE AREA. WITH AN EXPECTED INCREASE IN SHIP ARRIVALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE CONGESTION IS LIKELY TO REAPPEAR. IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR THE PORTS THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAS THREATENED TO SEIZE ANY CARGO THAT REMAINS UNCLAIMED AFTER JANUARY 6, 1977 AND "DUMP IT IN THE DESERT."

2. THE SITUATION IN BANDAR SHAHPUR REMAINS MUCH THE SAME AS REPORTED REPAIR WITH SOME MINOR IMPROVEMENTS. SHIP WAITING TIME AVERAGES 30 TO 45 DAYS BUT VARIES DEPENDING ON THE PRIORITY OF THE SHIPS CARGO. AN AVERAGE OF 10-12,000 TONS PER DAY IS BEING OFFLOADED. OF THIS, ALL BUT 1,500 TONS ARE CLEARED DIRECTLY FROM THE PORT. OF THE 1,500 TONS GOING INTO THE PORT'S STORAGE AREA, 750 TONS ARE CLEARED DAILY. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 90,000 TONS OF CARGO IN THE PORT'S STORAGE AREA WHICH IS 10 PERCENT ABOVE ITS RATED CAPACITY. AS BANDAR SHSHPUR'S CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PROGRESSES, IT WILL BE ABLE TO OFFLOAD AND STORE A GREATER VOLUME OF CARGO, BUT A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF ITS TRANSPORTATION LINKS ARE NEEDED.

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